GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:471
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
VIOLENCE AGAINST TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of violence and fraud against foreign tourists are increasing in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have asked the State Governments to formulate separate legislation to tackle the problem;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the4 State Governments in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.471 ANSWERED ON 21.12.2000 REGARDING VIOL AGAINST TOURISTS.

(a) and (b) : Prevention of violence and fraud against foreign tourists is a law and order subject falling within the purview of the State/U.T. Administration. As per available information, complaints pertaining to crimes against tourists during the last three years are as under :

YEAR	NO. OF COMPLAINTS
1997	117
1998	100
1999	103

(c),(d)and(e) : In order to promote India as hassle free destination for foreign tourists, Ministry of Tourism has written to all State/U.T. Administration to enact suitable tourism legislation and to set-up Tourist Police for the safety of tourists. States of Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Goa, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh etc. have already set up Tourist Police.Some other State Governments such as Delhi, West Bengal and Karnataka are considering to introduce such legislations.